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**Work While it is Day.**

If times are hard and crops poor; if wages are low and living expenses high; if there are strikes and trusts; if there is prejudice and wickedness; if people do refuse to receive us and turn us away from their homes; if there are awful storms and floods, all these things are saying with one voice to us who are canvassing, "Work while it is day; for the night cometh when no man can work." Let us discern the signs of the times, and do our best now. This is what it all means. These omens, that our work will soon be done, should inspire us with new courage.

B. B. NOFTSGER.

"THE Lord reigneth; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of isles be glad thereof."

**The Daily Baptism.**

A CELEBRATED artist writes to ladies who would cultivate the beautiful, in these words:—

"Daily we ask the Infinite mind to guide us, to give us wisdom, to give us pure thoughts and high motives for the deeds of the day. Properly enough we regard our bodies as the instruments through which the divine wisdom, love and intelligence is to express itself. Do we so regard it when we allow the

pores to become clogged with the dead tissues of yesterday, of which the body is trying to rid itself? Are we so regarding it when we allow the other excretory organs to become inactive, and the whole system to become loaded down with useless and poisonous material which is intended to be cast out to make room for new, life-giving food? Shall we continue to ask such high force to be turned on a useless instrument, and offer such a body to the Great Mechanic? No wonder when we intend to be loving and charitable and patient, we are surprised to find ourselves giving vent to sharp words, hasty sarcasms, and ill-considered actions. Such manifestations may be regarded as the creaking of a rusty hinge.

"That the quality of our thoughts is governed by the condition of our body, is a matter of daily experience. When we are begrimed with dust and smoke from without, and covered with sticky, impure exudations thrown out from the blood within, we feel impatient, restless and tired. Should there come a demand on our patience at such a time, we should not be able to meet it. Should the most favorable opportunity of our lives present itself when in such a condition, we should be utterly lacking in appreciation of its value and in ambition to take advantage of it. In such a condition, Can we hope to inspire those about us to good deeds and pure thoughts? Our warped natures are utterly lacking in divine inspiration which incites to intelligent, energetic actions, and kind, loving deeds.

"Who can say how much of crime and misery and disease of the race has been due to the unclean bodies and resulting warped natures of unwise parents?"

"With these thoughts in view then let us give careful, and I might say, prayerful attention to the daily cleansing of the temple in which we wish the sweet spirit of wisdom, love, and power to dwell. Let us take our morning bath with the thought of

opening every pore so that the sweet sunshine and fresh air may enter in and give us the blessing of health and strength. Taken in this spirit, the bath indeed becomes a daily baptism, after which we may with a sense of purity and increased self-respect offer a fit instrument to the Great Spirit."—*Mme. Yale.*

Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown but we an incorruptible. Let us therefore so run that we may obtain.

A. R. SATTERLEE.

### An Incident.

SUNDAY morning was bright and pleasant, and according to previous announcement, the pastor of the Christian church, of this place gave a discourse on "My Views on the Sabbath." Our company were in attendance and at the close of the service, by permission of the pastor, Elder Whitney invited all to attend the meeting in the evening at the tent to hear "God's Views on the Sabbath."

In the afternoon it began to cloud up and rain. Showers continued at intervals until just before meeting time it looked as tho it had settled in to rain so our meeting would be a failure. We arranged for meeting and with a few of the West Bangor friends we went into my living tent and laid the matter before the Lord, asking him to arrange matters so our meeting should be a success. On going into the large tent, we found it quite well filled, and in a very few minutes nearly every seat was taken. We recognized this as an answer to prayer, but our faith had a severe test when it began to rain hard during our opening, and we knew that if the tent leaked as it had been leaking lately during such a storm, we would lose the congregation but it did *not leak*, and in a few moments the storm passed and it became clear.

The Christian minister, Mr. Andrews, and wife were present, and, with the rest of the audience, gave the best of attention. Elder Whitney spoke with great freedom and power for about eighty minutes, taking up point by point the argument of the morning, completely refuting every claim and burying sophistry and excuse under an avalanche of truth.

It was indeed a great victory for truth, and has deepened the interest in our meetings. Praise the Lord!

F. H. DEVINNEY.

*Brushton, N. Y., Aug. 11, 1902.*

### Syracuse.

On Sabbath, August 2, this church had a very pleasant "surprise party," in the persons of Captain and Mrs. Johnson, of our missionary boat, "Sen-

tinel," with Sister Leo and her daughter Florence, of Brooklyn, N. Y. Captain and Mrs. Johnson are well known—personally, and through our papers, to most of our brethren and sisters throughout this and other conferences. Sister Leo is one of our Bible workers in Brooklyn, and one of the dear sisters with whom the writer became acquainted in the early days of the Brooklyn church, fifteen years ago. Our surprise and delight at our unexpected meeting here may be better imagined than described.

The providence of God had altered the plans of our good brother, the Captain, who had arranged to spend the Sabbath in Rome. A delay in leaving Buffalo, and a few other delays brought "preparation day" upon them sixty-five miles west of Syracuse. Sabbath in Rome was out of the question, but, as the Captain told us later, the Lord, instead of letting them spend the day in a place where no Sabbath-keepers could be found, gave them an exceptionally good run, and they reached Syracuse an hour or so before sundown. Sister Leo had the address of Brother H. E. Robinson, where she went at once, and upon reaching his home, found me.

God's care for His people was shown even in the selection of a place to tie up the boat. Captain Johnson says, that is the way the Lord has always done to prepare a place for His boat, where she can be secure from molestation and they from annoyance, and they are able to rest through the night as peacefully as if in their own house. There did, however, occur one little incident on Friday night, which may be called disturbing, but not unpleasantly so. The Captain said, that shortly after he and Mrs. Johnson retired, a loud rapping was made upon the roof of the cabin. On going out to investigate, he found a reporter, who, having come to the "weigh-lock" as is his nightly habit, in search of possible material for his morning paper, was soon informed as to the name, the mission and the work of the "Sentinel" and her crew. The interview resulted in a very interesting article in the *Post-Standard*, headed, "Teaches Sailors the Way of God," which, if space permitted, I would append.

On Sabbath morning, Sister Leo, Florence and I went down to the boat and conducted Brother and Sister Johnson to our place of meeting.

On the principle of "better to wear out than rust out," we at once pressed our "surprise party" into service. Our Sabbath-school lesson was very ably reviewed by Sister Leo, and after Sabbath-school closed, Captain Johnson occupied some time in telling us of their labor aboard the "Sentinel." We have read of it at different times, but it is quite a

different thing to read of, or to hear directly from the worker, of his work. The many interesting incidents and naratives, related in the Captain's own style,—some humerous, some pathetic, all touching,—appealed to our hearts for sympathy and help in his work of saving a class of people who rarely know, or care very little about Jesus' love and saving grace. It stirred our inmost souls as he spoke so earnestly of the means used by them to send the truth to every nation, tongue, and people, of whom some come into the great New York harbor, day after day and year after year. And when we heard, that tho so much is accomplished in the present little boat, it is quite too small for the purpose, we felt like telling the story again, and perhaps interesting our brethren and sisters in this particular branch of God's work, when, may be some will feel a burden to contribute a little toward a new and larger boat. One thousand dollars more is needed to secure a boat which would enable Brother and Sister Johnson to continue their work summer and winter, which, under present circumstances, would not be possible. A little from each of our Sabbath-keeping people would go far to help along this very important work. As Brother Johnson showed us the actual fulfillment of prophecy, of some of the things we have been looking for, and by their occurance proved the shortness of the time in which we have to work, it seemed as if nothing was of much importance but the work of preparing and warning the world of the soon-coming King, who shall reward every one according as his work shall be.

The "Sentinel" was an object of interest in the city, its mission being so different from the pleasure yachts and business barges usually seen there. She seemed like some holy thing to those who went to see her.

On Sunday morning, by kind invitation of the Captain, several of us went aboard, and accompanied them for about ten miles out, on their way to Rome. At the three locks we passed on the canal, papers were distributed, the Bread of Life being thus "cast upon the water." Such faithful casting of bread, such constant sowing of the precious seeds of truth, will surely "return," and an abundant harvest be reaped. Eternity alone will show how much good has been accomplished by the patient and persistent seed-sowing of Brother and Sister Johnson.

Parting time came, and we were landed upon the bank of the canal at Fayetteville, to meet no more, perhaps, till we meet where there are "no more good-byes." We watched the little boat speed away at a pace that soon carried her and our dear friends

out of sight. Our prayers follow them, that Jesus will pilot them, and at last bring them, with ourselves, to the haven where we would be.

ELEANOR BEAVAN.

**Missionary Report of New York Tract Society for Quarter Ending June 30, 1902.**

NUMBER of societies, .....	70
“ members, .....	379
“ reports returned, .....	25
“ Reporting, .....	21
“ Individual reports returned, .....	71
“ Missionary visits, .....	379
“ letters written, .....	221
“ “ received, .....	92
“ Bible readings held, .....	146
“ subscriptions for periodicals, .....	16
“ periodicals distributed, .....	4,778
“ pages books, tracts, etc., distributed, .....	67,049
“ persons supplied with food or clothing, .....	9

The following societies reported, but gave no report of missionary work : Steamburg, Albany, East Palermo.

The following societies have not reported : Auburn, Alden, Buffalo, Buffalo No. 2, Binghamton, Catlin, Colden, Corning, Cortland, Collins Center, Cattaraugus, Dickinson Center, Ellicottville, Gas Springs, Gorham, Gouverneur, Hornellsville, Jamestown, Jeddo, Locke, Mannsville, Monticello, Natural Bridge, Newburgh, Norfolk, North Creek, Nunda, North Parma, Norwich, Olean, Oswego, Oramel, Richburg, Saranac Lake, South Onondaga, Syracuse, Sidney, Tonawanda, Vienna, Wallace, West Bangor, West Valley, Wilson. T. E. BOWEN, Sec'y.

**Gloversville.**

SINCE our last report we have continued our work here at the point of our first pitching, but the work has been carried on under very unfavorable conditions. Never in our years of tent work have we had as unfavorable conditions as those of this season. It has rained almost every day, and when it did hold up for a day or so, it has been so damp and cool evenings the attendance has been light, and as soon as it warmed up enough to rain it would rain again, and then come off cool again. And so it has gone all summer, thus far, but we have held on the best we could.

We have now canvassed the Sabbath question. Several have promised to obey, and we are praying that others may. As we have had in mind from the outset to make two pitchings, and still entertain that

## CANVASSING REPORT

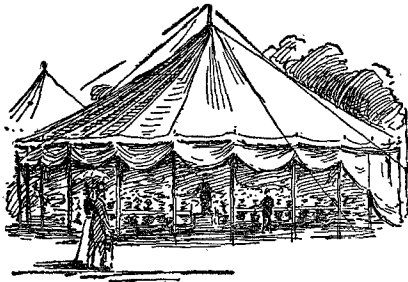
Week Ending, August 15, 1902.

AGENT.	Hrs.	Ords.	Val.	H'ips	Del.	Val.
BIBLE READINGS.						
Ada E. Nofstger,	16	3	7 50	8 50		
GREAT CONTROVERSY.						
J. H. Deeley,	28	3	9 50	4 20	2	6 00
MARVEL OF NATIONS.						
Herman Greene,	6	3	4 25	50	6	8 00
Harold Fisher,		1	1 50	3 50		
COMING KING.						
G. B. Stevens,	36	17	17 00	13 25	1	1 00
Clara M. Coe,	10			1 00	10	10 50
Miscellaneous Orders,			30 95			
Totals, (agents, 6)	96	27	70 70	30 95	19	25 50
Corresp'ng w'k, 1901 (Ag'ts, 8)	116	23	75 25	23 50		29 25

purpose, we now expect to soon go to another part of the city, hoping to be able to continue our tent work well into if not through September.

Pray Heaven to guide and aid us in all our work in the message.

J. W. RAYMOND,  
D. A. BALL.



Northern Camp=Meeting.

TENTS have been shipped to Brushton, Franklin county, for the local meeting to be held there, August 26-31, and we hope all the Sabbath-keepers in this part of the State will attend. In the early days of the message, we were willing to respond to such a call, even tho some sacrifice was necessary. We should be no less willing now, as the perils of the last days are thickening about us, and the end is near. Come, brethren and sisters. Don't be afraid of the weather. When the faithful people of the Lord are driven from their homes into the mountains we will have worse weather than this. Bring plenty of clothing and bedding. Bring the children. Come to seek the Lord,

G. B. THOMPSON.

### Items.

Sister Bessie Jackson will teach a church school at Minetto this year.

The Vienna school will be taught by Brother Roy F. Cottrell this year.

Chas. Brown, of Vienna, left the first of the week for South Lancaster, to enter upon the nurse's course at the Sanitarium.

The Richburg church is planning to have a church school this winter providing satisfactory arrangements can be made.

A brother writes and asks why the laborers in the field do not report more frequently. He says they are praying for them, and want to hear often. Please report, brethren.

The Lincklaen Center church is planning to have a good church school this winter. Some might want to move there for the winter to obtain the benefit of the school. Write to Charlie Coon, Lincklaen Center, N. Y.

Prof. Frederick Griggs is in the State in the interest of the educational work. Monday night the church at Rome had the privilege to listen to a very instructive talk upon the principles involved in the matter of Christian education. This was his first visit to Rome, and was much appreciated.

Last week we forwarded to the treasurer of the South Lancaster Academy \$859.69 from the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons." This added to that previously sent the Academy since the work on "Object Lessons" began, makes in all \$3618.02 from New York. This is certainly encouraging. Also \$73.15 more was sent on for Christiania.

## OBITUARY NOTICES.

GROFF.—Died at Rome, N. Y., Aug. 11, 1902, Margaret Barbara Groff, aged ninety years. Sister Groff was born in Marcumkondorp, Bavaria, in 1812. In 1835 she was married to Francis M. Groff. In 1840 she, with her husband and family, came to America and settled in Rome, which then was but a small village. In 1850 her husband died, leaving her to care for seven children. She was the mother of eight children—four sons and four daughters. Four of these survive her. Sister Groff's life has been lived for her Saviour, and her godly counsel and example will ever live in the memory of her family. She was converted early in life, uniting with the Episcopal church. Some twenty-two years ago she commenced the observance of the Bible Sabbath, and united with the Rome church, of which she was a faithful and respected member till her death. Her life closed with no special illness. She was in usual health the day prior to her death. She was called to suffer but a few short hours, and passed peacefully into the embrace of death. The relatives and friends who mourn her death are comforted with the expectation of meeting her clothed in immortality at the resurrection of the just. The Christian's consolation was presented by the writer at her funeral. Text: Rev. 14:13.

G. B. THOMPSON.

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